

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 505  
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A RESOLUTION to prohibit the use of separate constituent service accounts by members of the general assembly.

WHEREAS, the Campaign Financial Disclosure Law requires that all contributions to a member of the General Assembly's campaign account or such member's political campaign committee's account and all expenditures made from such account(s) be properly accounted for and reported to the Registry of Election Finance; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General has recently opined that constituent service accounts are not subject to the reporting provisions of this statute; and

WHEREAS, the very intent of this state's reporting and disclosure laws is to require that all contributions made to and expended by members of the General Assembly be properly accounted for and reported; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that funds contributed to and expended from constituent service accounts by members of the General Assembly be properly accounted for and timely reported to the Registry of Election Finance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That a member of the general assembly may not use an account separate and apart from the member's campaign account or the member's political campaign committee's account, for the purpose of defraying any ordinary and necessary expenses of the member incurred in

connection with the performance of a member's duties or responsibilities. It is the intention of the general assembly that all contributions and expenditures to and by a member for the purpose of defraying any ordinary and necessary expenses of the member incurred in connection with the performance of a member's duties or responsibilities shall be included on the reports required under the Campaign Financial Disclosure Law, codified in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Ethics Committee of each house of the general assembly shall be the enforcement authority for the provisions of this resolution. Upon request of the chair of the respective Ethics Committee, the staff of the registry of election finance shall provide any assistance the chair may desire.

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